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Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated August 20, 2003, Applicants hereby request reconsideration for the following reasons:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

Applicants herein petition for extension of time for two months and herewith the Commissioner is authorized to charge the Nixon Peabody Deposit Account 50-0850.